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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS VISIT ON GON CONTINENTAL SHELF
ACTIVITIES

1. GON DEFENSE MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY THORVALD
STOLTENBERG PLANS LEAD SMALL NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO
OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON, D.C. IN SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS
WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL SNEEDS FOR ANTICIPATED
INCREASED NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO MEET
REQUIREMENTS OF GROWING PETROLEUM. FINSHERY AND POL-
LUTION-CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN AND OVER THE CONTINENTAL
SHELF. THESE NEEDS ARE ALREADY EVIDENT IN OFFSHORE
OIL WORK AND WILL CERTAINLY INCREASE WITH WHATEVER
CONCLUSIONS LOS CONFERENCE REACHES.

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2. STOLTENBERG CHAIRS GON INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO ESTIMATE DEFENSE MINISTRY TECHNICAL SERVICES NEEDED FOR PROTECTION, INSPECTION AND CONTROL, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, LIFE-SAVING, INSTALLATION SAFEGUARD AND MARINE POLLUTION-CONTROL. IT WILL ALSO RECOMMEND THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE GON SHOULD EMPLOY TO CARRY OUT THIS CONTROL. TRIP'S PURPOSE IS TO ASSIST COMMITTEE ASCERTAIN WHAT ACTIVITIES GON MUST PERFORM THIS REGARD AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHO IN GON SHOULD PERFORM SERVICES.

3. BASIC ORGANIZATIONAL DECISION HERE SEEMS TO BE BETWEEN THOSE WHO ADVOCATE ENLARGING GON NAVY TO PERFORM REQUIRED SERVICES, A STEP WHICH COULD STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING NATO FORCE, AND THOSE WHO WANT SEPARATE CIVILIAN SERVICE, PERHAPS PATTERNED ALONG LINES US COAST GUARD, WHICH WOULD LIKELY DRAW RESOURCES AND MANPOWER FROM NAVY. WE UNDERSTAND STOLTENBERG IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN LATTER APPROACH WHILE OTHER MINISTRY OFFICIAL PREFER THE FORMER.

4. GROUP PLANS VISIT OTTAWA SEPTEMBER 22-23 AND WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 25-27. STOLTENBERG IS PREPARED TO EXTEND STAY WASHINGTON SEVERAL DAYS FOR THIS PURPOSE AND IN ANY CASE DESIRES IF POSSIBLE REMAIN THERE TO VISIT PERSONAL FRIENDS IN DEPT. AND ELSEWHERE.

5. PLANS FOR VISIT WILL BE ARRANGED BY GON EMBASSY WASHINGTON, BUT STOLTENBERG HAS SOUGHT EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS, AND HAS ASKED MEET WITH US LATER THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF VISIT.

6. WE BELIEVE THIS IS GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST AND INFLUENCE GON ON IMPORTANT DECISION WHICH COULD ALSO HELP US IN SEVERAL WAYS. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT ON DEFENSE SIDE THAT GON SEE IMPLICATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONAL DECISION FOR ITS NAVAL FORCES. ANY DECISION ON ADMINISTERING THE NEW FISHERY AND CONTINENTAL SHELF SERVICES WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM NORWAY'S EXISTING NAVAL DEFENSE UNIT WOULD BE MOST UNHELPFUL. ULTIMATE SOLUTION PROBABLY LIES IN A GON NAVY PROVIDING SERVICES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF OUR COAST GUARD. WE THINK, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE NORWEGIANS SEE MAGNITUDE AND COST EFFECTIVE ASPECTS OF JOB REQUIRED, CONFIDENTIAL

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BOTH IN MANPOWER AND HARDWARE, TO MONITOR, INSPECT AND ACT IN THESE AREAS THE LOGIC OF SUPPLEMENTING EXISTING FORCES RATHER THAN CREATING A NEW ONE WILL BECOME CLEAR.

7. THIS WILL BE GOOD OCCASION ALSO TO IMPRESS UPON GON OUR THINKING AND TO EXTENT POSSIBLE ENCOURAGE THEM TO ADOPT SIMILAR APPROACHES TO OURS ON THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF OFFSHORE POLLUTION STANDARDS AND CONTROLS, CONTINENTAL

SHELF EXPLOITATION, FISHING PROTECTION AND THE LIKE WHICH MAY BEGIN TO EMERGE FROM LOS DISCUSSIONS.

8. DEPARTMENTS IN WASHINGTON CAN BEST DETERMINE WHO GON GROUP SHOULD SEE. CLEARLY THEY WANT TO SEE COAST GUARD OFFICIALS TO LEARN WHAT IS INVOLVED IN PROTECTION, INSPECTION AND CONTROL OF FISHERIES, OFFSHORE FACILITIES, POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CLEANUP. GROUP IS FAMILIAR WITH COAST GUARD ORGANIZATION SO DOES NOT NEED BRIEFING THAT SUBJECT. VISITS WITH NAVY ON ITS RELATED ACTIVITIES WILL BE REQUESTED. ALSO THEY SHOULD SEE CEQ AND EPA ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS RELATING TO OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES. A DISCUSSION ON CEQ'S RECENT REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF OFFSHORE DRILLING DIRECTED TO GROUP'S NEEDS MIGHT BE MOST HELPFUL. ALSO, INTERIOR'S INVOLVEMENT IN OFFSHORE EXPLOITATION AND NOAA ON RESEARCH MIGHT BE USEFUL.

9. IN THIS REGARD EMBASSY HAS AGREED TO SEEK OBTAIN COPY OF THE CEQ OFFSHORE DRILLING STUDY FOR GROUP BEFORE ITS DEPARTURE. REQUEST DEPT AIR POUCH ONE COPY IF AVAILABLE.

10. FINALLY, STOLTENBERG HIMSELF MERITS SOME ATTENTION. HE IS NEW IN DEFMIN, BOTH IN HIS TRAINING, WHICH IS FOREIGN SERVICE AND LABOR UNIONS, AND HIS POLITICAL ORIENTATION, WHICH INCLINES WELL TO THE LABOR PARTY'S LEFT. HE IS ABLE, AMBITIOUS AND LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN LABOR GOVERNMENTS. ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS DESIGNED TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF OVERALL DEFENSE EFFORT, IMPLICATIONS OF MODERN WEAPONRY, SOVIET BUILDUP IN KOLA PENINSULA AND THE LIKE COULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

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11. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL DETAILS AFTER MEETING WITH GON OFFICIALS LATER THIS MONTH.
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